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1. The Command of the 4th Battalion of the Frontier Guards in Rozvadov had the [redacted] The Battalion Command was located in a former villa in Rozvadov [See Enclosure (A)] and was composed of six companies as follows:

16th Company in Jedlina  
17th Company in Hranicky  
18th Company in Nove Dvory  
19th Company in Novy Dvur  
20th Company "Diana".

One company was stationed with the Battalion Command in Rozvadov and was quartered in a former school building.

The 4th Battalion of the Frontier Guards in Rozvador was subordinated to the Brigade Command in Plana.

The following Frontier Guards Battalion were under the command of this Brigade:

1st Battalion in Halze;  
2nd Battalion in Lesna  
3rd Battalion in Zandov;  
4th Battalion in Rozvadov.

The 4th Battalion in Rozvadov had six companies each consisting of about 45 men. The whole battalion numbered 280 men and 13 officers.

2. In the Battalion storehouses were heavy and light machine guns, panzerfausts, hand grenades and ammunition for machine guns. The Battalion was also equipped with its own radio transmitter. Transportation vehicles were as follows:

three 3.5-ton trucks RN  
two 3.5-ton trucks RND Diesel motor;  
one 1.5-ton truck AERO  
one passenger car Skoda-Tudor;  
one field car Tudor  
two motorcycles JAWA 250 and 350 cubic centimeters.

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## 3. The following

Lt (fnu) Subert, Commander of Brigade in Plana, 35 years old, height 176 centimeters, heavily built, brown hair, a loyal Communist.

Lt (fnu) Zadrazil, Commander of the 4th Battalion, 28 years old, 178 centimeters in height, heavily built, blond hair, a devoted Communist;

2nd Lt (fnu) Sevcik, OBZ (secret police) officer, 30 years old, 172 centimeters in height, light brown hair, a Communist;

2nd Lt (fnu) Chvalikovec, political officer, about 26 years old, 165 centimeters in height, thin, blond hair, a devoted Communist, speaks Czech with Russian accent.

## 4. [redacted] the 19th Company of the 4th Frontier Guards Battalion in Novy Dvur. The 19th Company was stationed in two wooden barracks near the state frontier. It was composed of five platoons and the total number of men in the company was 54.

In the Company storehouse were the following arms:

one heavy machine gun type 37, caliber 7.12 mm;  
four light machine guns type 26;  
48 rifles German model 98N;  
54 submachine guns type 23;  
300 hand-grenades;  
six rocket pistols;  
two rifles equipped with telescopic sights;  
ammunition for machine guns, rifles etc.

Each company had a Skoda-Tudor passenger car and a JAWA 250 motorcycle. The companies were connected by telephone with the Battalion Command.

The commander of the 19th Company was Lt Sevcik, 24 years old, 165 centimeters in height, thin, blond hair, bald in front, a fanatical Communist.

5. The frontier is patrolled at irregular intervals. Three patrols each consisting of two men in the daytime and of three men at night were on duty. Each patrol had two rifles and one submachine gun at night and each soldier had two handgrenades, hand-cuffs and a first-aid kit. The duty lasted eight hours. The 19th Company also had three trained dogs.
6. The frontier territory was divided into two zones: the forbidden zone and the frontier zone. The forbidden zone could be entered only by the soldiers of the Frontier Guards and each person who obtained a special permit to enter this zone had to be accompanied by a special patrol. The width of the forbidden zone was between 700 and 1000 meters according to the type of the ground. The soldiers of the Frontier Guards were stationed within the forbidden zone.
7. As stated above, the frontier zone was not always of the same width. [redacted] stationed was seven kilometers wide. This zone could be entered by anyone who had a special permit issued by the security officer of the District National Committee (Soviet). Persons who live in the frontier zone had a special stamp on their identification cards which took the place of a special permit. This stamp was printed on page 20 of the identification card.
8. Along the Czechoslovak-Bavarian border a strip of forest about 150-500 meters long (according to the terrain) and 10 meters wide was being cut out. The work was done by the engineers. This engineers' unit was sent by the Brigade Command in Cheb. A soldier of this engineers' unit with whom I was acquainted said that in the territory of the Brigade Command in Cheb a strip of the forest along the Czechoslovak-Bavarian border had been already cut 10 meters wide and that barbed-wire obstacles had been erected there. The engineers' unit from Cheb works in the area of the 12th Brigade Command in Plana. In the area of the 4th Frontier Guards Battalion in Rosvado a 10 meter-wide strip of forest has already been cut. In that area the tree stumps and roots are being removed. The entire area will be covered with land-mines and closed by barbed-wire obstacles. In addition, anti-tank blocks made of steel were brought to the area of Rosvado and laid in the cleared areas.

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9. Around each barrack of the Frontier Guards units, defense trenches one meter deep were dug and equipped with stands for light machine guns. This was prepared as early as the fall of 1951.
10. A new observatory tower was under construction in the vicinity of the barracks of the Frontier Guards garrison in Novy Dvur (19th Company of the Frontier Guards). The tower will be 20 meters high.

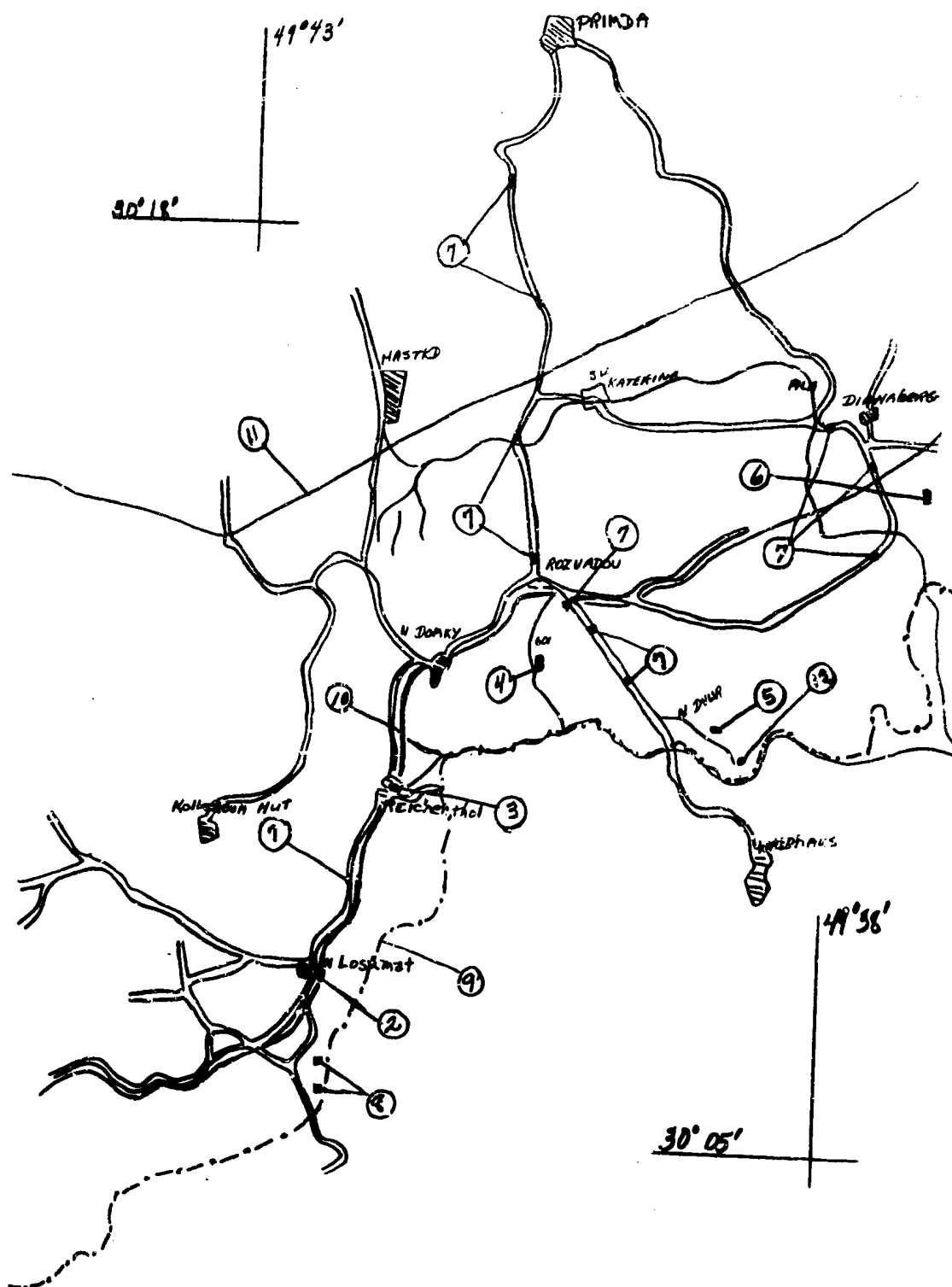
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ENCLOSURE (A): Map of the 14th Battalion of the Frontier Guards with Legend

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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## Legend

1. Command of the 4th Frontier Guards Battalion and quarters of the reserve company in Rozvadov. The command is accommodated in a villa.
2. Soldiers' quarters; a former school building.
3. Post of the 16th company in Jedlina. The soldiers are accommodated in a former school building.
4. Post of the 18th Company in Nove Domky. The soldiers are accommodated in two wooden barracks.
5. Post of the 19th Company in Novy Dvur. The soldiers are accommodated in two wooden barracks.
6. Post of the 20th Company "Diana". The soldiers are accommodated in two wooden barracks.
7. Roadblocks consisting of timbers. The spaces between them are filled with stones. Each roadblock has a small opening for one car. All precautions were taken in order to be able to close such openings immediately. Timber and stones stand ready close to each roadblock.
8. Two observation nests for patrols. They are erected in the trees and are seldom in use.
9. State frontier.
10. Boundary of the forbidden zone.
11. Boundary of the frontier zone.
12. A wooden observation tower. There is a permanent sentry posted in the tower who watches the vicinity in Czechoslovakia and Germany with field glasses.

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